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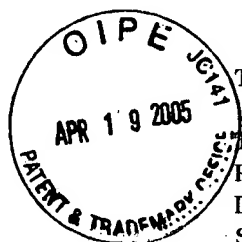
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Re: U.S. Patent No. 6,173,267, issued January 19, 2001

Applicant: Laurie Cairns

COMMENTS: Attached is a Petition to Accept Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee for the above patent. This Petition was originally sent by fax on January 11, 2005 (see facsimile transmission of 1/11 attached). A telephone call to the Petitions Office informed us that the petition had not yet been associated with the file, and that we should send it again by facsimile.

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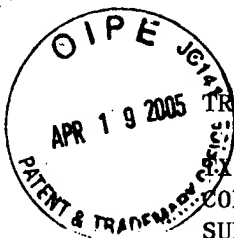
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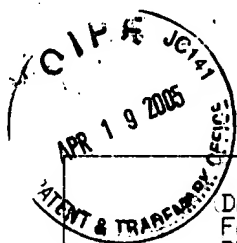
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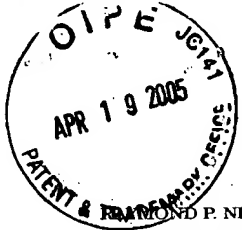
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Attn: Andrea Smith

Re: **Petition to Accept Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee
for U.S. Patent No. 6,173,267**

Dear Sirs:

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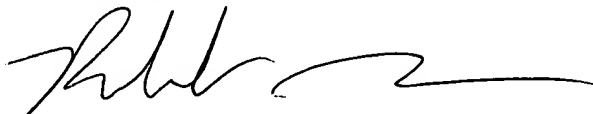
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After numerous telephone inquiries to the Petitions Office between March 10th and April 19th, today we were contacted by Ms. Andrea Smith. Ms Smith told us that neither Petition had been logged into the system and, it was possible that they may be floating somewhere. Ms. Smith suggested that we send the Petition by mail, and when it is received, it will be treated as a Petition that was received on January 11, 2005.

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Please contact us if there is any questions, or if you require any further documentation.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Greenspoon', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Robert P. Greenspoon

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